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SUBJECT: B-26' S IN ANGOLA

REF: STATE 24921, STATE 42351, SPRINGSTEEN/ THEMIDO MEMCON

DATED 3/8/73

1. DURING LAST TWO MEETINGS WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SPRINGSTEEN ON THIS SUBJECT, PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR HAS PROFESSED BEWILDERMENT AT SERIOUSNESS USG SEEMS ATTACH TO RETURN OF AIRPLANES TO METROPOLE. DEPARTMENT IS DISTURBED BY THIS LINE FROM THEMIDO WHO IS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH ENTIRE B-26 AFFAIR AND KNOWS IMPORTANCE WE ATTACHED TO ILLEGAL EXPORT OF PLANES AND THEIR POSSIBLE USE IN AFRICA FROM BEGINNING.

2. THEMIDO HAS PROMISED DISCUSS CASE IN FOREIGN MINISTRY DURING HIS CONSULTATIONS THERE BEGINNING AROUND MARCH 24. TO LEAVE NO DOUBT THAT WE CONTINUE TO CONSIDER THE TRANSFER OF THE PLANES TO AFRICA TO BE VERY SERIOUS, EMBASSY SHOULD
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MAKE FORMAL DEMARCHE ALONG LINES USED BY SPRINGSTEEN AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. YOUR NOTE SHOULD STRESS POINT THAT THESE AIRPLANES WERE EXPORTED ILLEGALLY AND THAT WE CONTINUE DESIRE THEIR RETURN TO U. S. IN ABSENCE THAT SOLUTION, WE CONSIDER IT IMPERATIVE THAT THEY NOT BE USED OUTSIDE NATO AREA. USG HOPES THAT B-26 CASE WILL NOT AGAIN BE ALLOWED TO BECOME IRRITANT IN OUR RELATIONS. ROGERS

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